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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

71st meeting

February 9, 1904.

"Peace Negotiations at the End of the Revolutionary War" was the theme of a communication read to the Society by Andrew C. McLaughlin, Professor of History in the University of Michigan, but at present connected with the Carnegie Institution of this city. The subject was discussed by Mrs. Madison A. Ballinger and Vice-President Spofford, and listened to by about 95 members and guests; Vice-President Spofford in the chair.

A minute of sympathy and sorrow on the death of Marcus Baker, a charter member of the Society and one of its Governing Board since its organization, which had been prepared by Mr. W. B. Bryan and presented to the Board at a previous meeting, was read to the Society by the Chair, after which Mr. John Joy Edson, a personal friend of the deceased, read his memoir of Mr. Baker and a tribute prepared by Professor W J McGee was, in his absence, read by Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee.

The evening closed with the elections and reports incident to the Annual Meeting; Dr. James Dudley Morgan and Mr. W. B. Bryan acting as tellers during the election.

72nd meeting.

March 14, 1904.

Mr. Charles E. Howe read a communication on the "Financial Institutions of the City in its Early Days." The subject was discussed by Messrs. Lewis J. Davis, Hugh T. Taggart, Justice Hagner and Dr. Spofford.

Vice-President Spofford presided and announced that owing to the increase in our membership, it had been determined by the Board to increase the edition of the "Records" next year to 400 copies. About 45 members were present.

73rd meeting.

April 11, 1904.

"The Beginnings of the Presbyterian Church in the District of Columbia" was the title of the communication made by Mr. Wilhelmus B. Bryan. The data embodied in this paper having been collected from original and authentic sources, the communication was both a valuable and interesting addition to the history of the District being gathered and preserved by this Society. Further information was elicited by questions asked the author by Mrs. Simon Newcomb.

President Kasson occupied the chair and there were present about 60 members and guests.

74th meeting.

May 9, 1904.

The communication of the evening was by the Rev. W. M. Ferguson, D.D., who took for his subject "Early Methodism in the District of Columbia." Dr. Ferguson traced the steady growth of the denomination from the introduction of Methodism into Georgetown, in 1772, by Robert Williams to the death of Henry Foxall in 1823, to whose labors and generosity the development of the denomination in Washington was due, he declared, more than to those of any other person. The subject was discussed by Messrs. Davis, Kasson, Hagner and Miss Johnston; and listened to by about 30 members and guests.

75th meeting.

November 14, 1904.

Vice-President Spofford presided and welcomed the Society and its guests after the summer adjournment.

Under the title of "Paper Money and Shay's Rebellion," Professor A. C. McLaughlin in the communication of the evening, sketched the earliest movements in this country to gain relief from debt and secure an improvement in business conditions through governmental agency and the effort to bring about the use of paper money. The subject was discussed by Messrs. Hagner, Blakeslee-Johnson, Davis, Spofford, Miss Johnston and Mrs. Ballinger.

Present about 45 members and guests.

76th meeting.

December 12, 1904.

The chair was occupied by Vice-President Spofford who presented President Kasson's greetings to those present and his regrets that absence from the city prevented his attending the meeting.

The communication of the evening was presented by Mr. Worthington C. Ford, Chief of the Manuscript Department, Library of Congress, who took for his theme "Jefferson and his Relations to the Newspapers," bringing out a phase in the career of this much-discussed public man that proved of absorbing interest. The subject was discussed by Mr. J. Henley Smith, Dr. A. R. Spofford and Justice A. B. Hagner.

Present about 55 members and guests.

All the above meetings were held in the Banquet Hall of the Shoreham Hotel.